

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the closure of industries due to shortage of steam-coal and to stop unemployment likely to arise due to the closure of such industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is shortfall in supply of steam coal to industries in Gujarat because more coal has to be moved by Railways to high priority core sectors like power, cement, steel, railway, fertilizer etc.

(c) In order to meet the demand of non-core sector industrial consumers, the Ministry of Coal have issued instructions to all coal companies under Coal India Limited that the requirement of these industries must be met at least to the extent of 50% of linkage by rail or by road. This will improve the position of supply considerably.

Additional Station at Surat

1755. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved the construction of an additional station on eastern side of Surat railway station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In order to relieve congestion, Platform No. 4 has been constructed recently on eastern side. Work of provision of a booking office on eastern side has been included in the Works Programme. This facility will become operational when the Surat Municipal Corporation provides an approach road on eastern side. No additional building is proposed to be constructed at present.

International Flights from Thiruvananthapuram Airport

1756. SHRI A. CHARLES:
PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the additional facilities provided to the Thiruvananthapuram airport after it was declared as an international airport;

(b) whether this airport has the required facilities for the landing and take-off of all types of aircraft at present; and

(c) if not, the details of additional facilities proposed to be provided during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 250 new passenger baggage trolleys have been provided. A doctor has been appointed on part-time basis to provide first aid to passengers and the visitors.

(b) No, Sir. This Airport has at present the required facilities to handle only up to Airbus 300/310 type aircraft.

(c) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has identified the land required to extend the existing runway which is at present 9500 ft. long. The Government of Kerala is being requested to acquire this land and provision of Rs. 1.85 crores has been made in the current year for this purpose. Besides this, IAAI has made a provision of Rs. 6.15 crores in its budget of 1991-92 for completion of civil works such as the extension of the departure holding area, airconditioning of the departure holding area, provision of escalators and extension of apron and taxi track, as well as for new equipment such as crash fire tenders, LCD flight information display boards, and a new CCTV system with coloured monitors.